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Scriptures. There is no clothing society, but in a Dorcas society connected with the Baptist congregation a preference is given to children of the school in the distribution of clothes, bread, tea, sugar, and coals, for which a collection is made amongst many of the subscribers to the society. The time devoted to direct instruction is $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The children are questioned on what they learn, they receive prizes, and are occasionally visited. The school is held in the chapel gallery, and the children are clean and orderly.

12.—*Romney-terrace Sunday Wesleyan School.*

Established in 1814, and connected with the Wesleyan congregation of Romney-terrace Chapel, in a room under which the school meets. Number of scholars 180 boys and 150 girls—total 330, of whom 120 boys and 100 girls are under 5 years of age, and 60 boys and 50 girls between 5 and 15. Average attendance, 220. Number who also attend day-schools, 250. The longest period which children have continued to attend has been 7 years, until they have become teachers: 155 have entered during the last year. It is supported by two congregational and one annual collection in the Wesleyan chapel, and by public subscriptions. There is a lending-library both for teachers and scholars.

Hours of attendance from 9 to $10\frac{3}{4}$. Time devoted to direct instruction $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. All are taught gratuitously spelling, reading, moral duties, the Scriptures, and the Wesleyan Catechisms; they receive prizes, and there are 4 visitors, who come in rotation.

Increase of Steam-Power in Lancashire and its immediate Vicinity.

THE following Returns, which are taken from a Parliamentary document, will afford some notion of the astonishing progress which the cotton manufacture has made in Lancashire since the year 1835. From the most complete Returns that have yet been procured of the steam-power existing in the manufacturing districts, and which were furnished by the Inspectors of Factories, it appears that the total steam-power employed in the cotton-mills of Lancashire and Cheshire was 24,597 horses. The increase since 1835, including the mills now in erection, is, according to the subjoined account, 17,413 horses, of which 2036 are destined for purposes not connected with the cotton manufacture, leaving 15,377 as the increase in the cotton manufacture alone, which amounts to 62 per cent. upon the power existing in the whole of the counties of Lancashire and Cheshire at the date of the former returns. The 2036 horse-power not destined for the cotton manufacture is divided as follows:—

Collieries	592	Paper-mills	82
Woollen Manufacture	410	Canal	200
Woollen and Cotton ditto	88	Brewery	15
Silk ditto	74	Iron Forges	35
Linen ditto	38	Nail-making	24
Machine-making	$351\frac{1}{2}$	Wood-grinding	30
Corn-mills	67	Timber-sawing	30
		Total	2036 $\frac{1}{2}$

Statement of the Increase of Steam-Power, which it was expected would occur in Two Years succeeding July 1835, in the Districts enumerated below; extracted from Dr. Kay's Report of July 1835.		Summary of Returns obtained in pursuance of the Order of the Select Committee on the Poor Law Amendment Act, exhibiting the Increase of Steam-Power which has occurred since 1835, and the Amount of Horse-Power of Steam now in course of erection in certain Districts of Lancashire; and in its immediate Vicinity.		
Name of Township or Parish which forms the Centre of the District so called.	Number of Horse-Power.	Name of District.	Number of Horse-Power erected in each District since January or July 1835.	Number of Horse-Power now in course of erection in each District.
Township of Hyde	486	Hyde	499	230
Ashton and Dukinfield	640	Ashton, Dukinfield, &c.	838	373
Staleybridge	606	Staleybridge	720	82
Saddleworth (Greenfield)	60	Saddleworth	140	..
Stockport	936	Stockport	826	60
Rochdale (district)	660	Rochdale	1,630	96
Heywood	78	Heywood	289	40
Spotland	50	*Spotland . . . . .	..	..
Bagslate	60	*Bagslate . . . . .	..	..
Birch	10	*Birch . . . . .	..	..
Accrington	50	Accrington	180	..
Bolton (district)	755	Bolton	1,149	667
Leigh	50	*Leigh . . . . .	..	..
Horwich	175	*Horwich . . . . .	..	..
Wigan	323	Wigan	671	..
Bury	120	Bury	639	166
Haslingden	70	Haslingden	160	16
Burnley	241	Burnley	933	84
Bacup (district)	196	Bacup	202	209
Todmorden	285	Todmorden	127	247
Colne	100	Colne	242	130
Preston	422	Preston	658	368
Longdendale, near }	70	†Longdendale	40	..
Mottram . . . . .	..	Blackburn	905	211
Blackburn	280	Chorley	60	..
Chorley	60	Macclesfield	140	..
Bollington, near Mac- }	80	Glossop	182	..
clesfield . . . . .	..	Manchester	1,316	1,058
Glossop Dale	187	Oldham	636	74
Manchester	395	Clitheroe	14	36
Oldham	60	Lancaster	30	40
Total Horse-Power	7,507	Total Horse-Power	13,226	4,187

* In the present Returns these small districts are placed under the name of the larger places in the vicinity of which they are severally situate.

† The residue of the power, included under the head "Longdendale" in the former list, will be found in the present Returns in the Glossop list.

An Address Explanatory of the Objects and Advantages of Statistical Enquiries. Delivered at the Second General Meeting of the Statistical Society of Ulster, on the 18th May, 1838. By CAPT. J. E. PORTLOCK, R.E., F.R.S., &c. Belfast, John Hodgson.

IN the above Address, which has been printed at the request of the Statistical Society of Ulster, Captain Portlock has endeavoured to give an outline of the objects and extent of the science of Statistics. He